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1. SPD-Khrushchev. -- State reports that German Social Democratic Party leaders have unhappily revealed the following points made by Khrushchev in Moscow: (1) the USSR does not care whether Germany is in NATO; (2) above all the USSR desires a peace treaty, but the problem of reunification can not be included in the treaty; (3) the purpose of the treaty is to make the present de facto situation de jure, and if the treaty is not concluded by the USSR with both Germanies, it will be concluded with East Germany; (4) the peace treaty must settle Berlin's status by ending the organic link between West Germany and Berlin; and (5) disengagement is not related to the treaty or reunification. The only favorable point the SPD could report was a great Soviet desire to negotiate. ... Using Khrushchev comments as a base, the SPD on March 18 released a reformulated foreign policy program centered on phased disengagement not necessarily related to immediate reunification. (Admin. Conf.)

2. Hungary

3. Yemen

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